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OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD IN ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST AND SECOND OF MAY, 1821.



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May 1st, 1821, 5 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania, for the meeting of the Annual Convention, the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop of the diocess, with the following Clergymen, and Lay Deputies, attended in St. James's Church, in the city of Philadelphia.

NAMES OF CLERGYMEN PRESENT.

Rev. Frederick Beasley,	{ Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
James Wiltbank,	{ Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania.
Jackson Kemper,	{ Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.
George Boyd,	{ Rector of St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties.
George Sheets,	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Low- er Dublin.
Charles M. Dupuy,	{ Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.
Wm. A. Muhlenberg,	{ Associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequa.
John Rodney, jr.	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Easton.

Samuel C. Brinkle,	{ Rector of St. David's, Rad-
	{ nor, and St. John's, Concord.
Manning B. Roche,	{ Rector of Trinity Church,
	{ Southwark.
Bird Wilson,	{ Rector of St. John's Church,
	{ Norristown, and St. Tho-
	{ mas's, White Marsh.

NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Thomas Ryerson,	{	St. Martin's Church, Mar-
David Marshall, jr.		
Thomas Robinson,		
James Bean,	{	St. John's, Northern Liber-
Edward D. Corfield,		
George Douglass,	{	St. Gabriel's, Amity Town-
William S. Coxe,		
John Golder,	{	Trinity Church, Easton.
John Yeates,		
Barton Henderson,	{	Trinity Church, South
Thomas H. White,		
John Miller, jr.	{	St. Peter's Church, Phila-
William Meredith,		
Thomas M'Euen,	{	St. James's Church, Phila-
John Read,		
Walter Kerr,		St. Peter's, Great Valley.
Jesse Bean,		St. James's, Perkiomen.
John Mathews,	{	St. Paul's, Philadelphia.
John Claxton,		
Ebenezer Bowman,		St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre.

The Convention being thus assembled, proceeded to elect a Secretary, when the Rev. George Boyd was chosen.

The names of the Clergymen entitled to seats in the Con-

vention being called over, in compliance with the 15th article of the general regulations, the following persons were absent

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.	{ Residing in the city of Philadelphia.*
Robt. Blackwell, D. D.	{ Residing in the city of Philadelphia.
Slator Clay,	{ Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen.
Joseph Turner,	Residing in Philadelphia.
Joseph Clarkson,	{ Associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, St. John's Pequa, and Rector of Christ Church, Leacock.
Levi Bull,	{ Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks County, St. Mary's, Chester County, and Bangor Church, Churchtown.
Robert Ayres,	Residing in Brownsville.
Francis Reno,	{ Officiating in the Counties of Beaver and Alleghany.
John Taylor,	Residing in Pittsburgh.
Caleb Hopkins,	{ Rector of St. James's Church, Moncy Creek, Lycoming County, and St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf, Columbia County.
James Montgomery,	Residing near Philadelphia.
Charles G. Snowden,	{ Rector of the Churches in Huntingdon and Shurleysburgh, Huntingdon County.
George H. Woodruff,	{ Rector of the Church in Carlisle.

The following Lay Deputies, appointed by their respective Churches, were absent:

Joseph S. Riley,	{ St. John's Church, Northern Liberties.
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* The Rev. Dr. Pilmore has lately resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, in this city, on account of the infirmities of age.

John Dolby,	}	Trinity Church, Easton.
Samuel Sitgreaves,		
Thomas T. Stiles,	}	Trinity Church, South-
George Gardiner,		
William Tilghman,	}	Christ Church, Philadel-
Henry Pratt,		
William Philips,	}	St. Peter's Church, Phila-
Richard Dale,	}	St. James's Church, Phila-
Cromwell Pearce,		St. Peter's, Great Valley.
William Casselberry,		St. James's, Perkiomen.
Henry Hollingsworth,		St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

William R. Smith was appointed a Lay Deputy for the Church at Huntingdon, but did not arrive in town until the Convention had adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Meredith—*Resolved*, That the rules of order adopted by this Convention in 1814, be the rules by which the business of this Convention shall be conducted, except so far as they may be hereafter altered or dispensed with.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn to meet again at St. James's Church, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.—Adjourned.

St. James's Church, Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.

Convention met.—Divine service was performed by the Rev. Levi Bull, and a sermon preached by the Rev. George Sheets.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following additional certificates were handed in by Lay Deputies, who were not present yesterday.

Joseph Ashton, Nathaniel Lewis,	}	All Saints, Lower Dublin.
James Stokes, Thomas Armat, John M. Price,	}	St. Luke's Church, Ger- mantown.
Jonathan Clift, Abraham Duffield,	}	Trinity Church, Oxford.
Philip Sheaff, John Hunter,	}	St. David's, Radnor.
John M'Elroy, John Harrisson,	}	St. James's, the Greater Bristol.
Edward Coleman,		St. James's, Lancaster.
Levi Pawling, Mathias Holstein, David St. Claire,	}	St. John's, Norristown.
John Peirce, jr. Isaac Arment,	}	St. John's, Concord.

The names of the Clergymen and Lay Deputies being called over, the following persons were present.

NAMES OF CLERGYMEN PRESENT.

Rt. Rev. Wm. White, D. D.	James Montgomery,
Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D. D.	Charles M. Dupuy,
Fredk. Beasley, D. D.	Wm. A. Muhlenberg,
Levi Bull,	John Rodney, jr.
Jackson Kemper,	Samuel C. Brinkle,
George Boyd,	Bird Wilson,
George Sheets,	Manning B. Roche.

NAMES OF THE LAY DEPUTIES PRESENT.

Thomas Ryerson,	Edward D. Corfield,
David Marshall, jr.	George Douglass,
Thomas Robinson,	William S. Coxe,
James Bean,	John Golder,

Thomas T. Stiles,
George Gardiner,
John Yeates,
Barton Henderson,
Thomas H. White,
Henry Pratt,
John Miller, jr.
William Meredith,
William Philips,
Thomas M'Euen,
John Read,
Richard Dale,
Walter Kerr,
Jesse Bean,
John Mathews,
John Claxton,
Henry Hollingsworth,

Ebenezer Bowman,
Joseph Ashton,
Nathaniel Lewis,
John M. Price,
Jonathan Clift,
Abraham Duffield,
Philip Sheaff,
John Hunter,
John McElroy,
John Harrison,
Edward Coleman,
Levi Pawling,
Mathias Holstein,
Daniel St. Clair,
John Peirce, jr.
Isaac Arment.

In compliance with the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Rt. Rev. Bishop White delivered the following address.

**BRETHREN, THE CLERGY AND THE LAY DEPUTIES OF THIS
CONVENTION,**

On the 5th of June last, I preached and confirmed in Wilmington, in the state of Delaware. In the afternoon and the evening of the same day, I preached twice in the church in Newcastle, in the same state; and, the next day, I preached and confirmed in St. John's church, New-London, in Chester county, in this state. On the 28th of July, I preached and confirmed in St. David's church, Radnor, Chester county. October 15th, I preached in St. James's church, in the city of Lancaster; and on the same day I consecrated the said church, erected on the site of a former church. On the next

day I held a confirmation in the same, and ordained to the priesthood the Rev. Charles G. Snowden. On the next day, I held a confirmation in Christ church, Leacock township, of the same county; and on the next, I did the same in St. John's church, Pequa, in the same county.

On the 29th of the same month, I preached in and consecrated Trinity church, in the borough of Easton, and administered the holy office of confirmation. And on the next day, I ordained to the office of priest the Rev. John Rodney, the rector of the said church.

Besides the ordinations already noticed, on the 8th day of June, I ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. Samuel C. Brinkle, and to the holy office of deacons, Charles P. M'Ilvaine. And on the 24th day of December, I ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. Manning B. Roche.

During the last year, there have been entered as candidates for the ministry, Mr. Henry Mason, Mr. J. R. Goodman, and Mr. Matthew Matthews.

The number confirmed, within the last year, is 218.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglas has removed from this diocese to that of Jersey. The Rev. George Woodruff, late of the diocese of New Jersey, has lately taken charge of the church in Carlisle. The Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvaine, soon after his ordination, removed to the diocese of Maryland. Since the last convention, the Rev. Charles Snowden has removed from his former connexion, to Huntingdon on the Juniata.

It is painful to me to record, that within these few days, I have received information of the decease of the Rev. Elijah G. Plumb, of Northumberland.

On the 25th of last month, I laid the corner stone of a new church in Southwark, to be known by the name of Trinity church.

It is much to be regretted, that the society for the ad-

vancement of Christianity has materially felt the pressure of the times. They however persevere to the extent of the encouragement bestowed. In the ensuing season, their exertions will be on a smaller scale than heretofore; but the hope is cherished, that there will not be abandoned this charitable expedient for the sending of occasional aid to vicinities, in which the members of our communion are too few or too poor to provide for a settled ministry among themselves.

In the address at the last annual convention, there was mentioned a digested scheme of a missionary society, to extend over the American union. Such a scheme was accordingly proposed, and adopted by the general convention; but in consequence of an irregularity in enacting, it has not hitherto been possible to carry the design into effect. It has been an unfortunate result, that the missionary society which had existed in this city for a few years, has been dormant, under the expectation of another on a more enlarged plan.

Our Prayer Book society have their stereo-type still in operation, but are obliged to a temporary suspension of gratuitous distribution; and for a while to confer no further benefit, than the furnishing of the book at a very low price.

Our Sunday schools continue their beneficial operation. We may hope that it will be more and more felt; and that there will be an honourable emulation among different religious societies, in regard to the mass of good to be respectively achieved by them. On this ground, they may all cultivate esteem for one another. But in our church it is essential to this object, that there should be excluded all exterior influence: which, instead of producing liberality, as is imagined by some, is sure to lead to contention, having never been attempted, without the exaction of our yielding some of the properties of our system, conceived of by us as important.

The Female Tract Society have not relaxed either in their exertions or in their usefulness; and the interest which has

been taken in these small productions, may reasonably be considered as evidence of the merits of their selections.

It ought to be considered as evidencing an interest taken in the future comfort of the families of the clergy of this diocese, when there is again mentioned to them the growth of the fund in which an annuity may be purchased; although it is a benefit of which very few avail themselves.

That very important institution, the Bible society, has suffered, like every other, from the decay of trade. It is mentioned, that there may be continued and increased, the interest which the members of our communion have taken in its concerns.

Since our last assembling, the theological school, at first located in New York, has been transferred to New Haven. There is a board of agents in this city, for the furthering of the designs of that important seminary. They propose soon to begin the work of soliciting contributions for its endowment. It ought to be presumed, that all the members of this body will bestow their best endeavours, for the accomplishing of what the collective wisdom of the church has judged the best expedient for the attaining of an object, which must meet the wishes of us all.

To the members of convention, now assembled, both clerical and lay, the enumerated institutions may be proposed, as means of extending the kingdom of God on earth. But to give them effect, there must be from the clergy the faithful administration, and on the part of the laity a due attendance on those ordinances, which constitute and continue us the subjects of that kingdom, and are its appointed seals. Even this will be insufficient to give to our exertions any considerable effect, independently on a suitable life and conversation; without which, there cannot be sufficient evidence of an interesting of the affections, in a cause possessed of so inadequate an influence over its patrons.

May 2, 1801.

WM. WHITE.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Kemper—*Resolved*, That St. Stephen's Church, in the town of Wilkesbarre, be received into connection with the Churches represented in this convention.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper, Secretary of the Standing Committee, in compliance with one of the rules of this church, read the minutes of the proceedings of that body during the last year.

The following communication was received from the rector, wardens, and vestry of Trinity Church, Southwark, and read.

To all to whom these presents shall come:

We the undersigned, do certify that, a number of the inhabitants of the district of Southwark, in the county of Philadelphia, have for some time associated themselves for the purpose of erecting a Protestant Episcopal Church, in the said district, and have regularly assembled for the purpose of worship, according to the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

We do therefore desire that the said congregation, now known by the name of Trinity Church, be admitted into the Convention of the diocese of Pennsylvania.

M. B. ROCHE, Rector of said Church.

THOMAS T. STILES. } Vestry.
JOHN GOLDER. }

Attest, GEORGE GARDINER, Acting Warden.

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Meredith—*Resolved*, That Trinty Church, lately organized in the district of Southwark, be admitted into connection with the churches represented in this convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Montgomery—*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to devise a plan for the

future admission of churches into the union of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon the following persons were appointed by the Bishop.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Rev. Mr. Sheets, Fredk. Beasley, D. D.

The following communication having been received from the Rev. John C. Rudd, Assistant Secretary of the General Convention, was read.

At a meeting of the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, held in St. James' church, Philadelphia, in the month of May, 1820,

Richard Harrisson, esq. offered the following resolution and proposed alteration of the constitution, which resolution was adopted, and sent to the house of bishops.

Resolved, That it be made known to the several state conventions of this church, that it is proposed to consider at the next general convention, and if deemed expedient, finally to ratify, the following alterations of the first article of the constitution: By striking out so much of the first article as relates to the time of holding the general convention, and by inserting, after the words "United States of America," in the said article, the words "at such time in every third year, and;"—and further, by inserting after the word "convention," the following clause; "and in case there shall be an epidemic disease, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed on for any such meeting of the convention, the presiding bishop shall have it in his power to appoint another convenient place, (as near as may be to the place fixed on) for the holding of such convention."

Extract from the Journal.

JOHN C. RUDD, *Assistant Secretary.*

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The parochial reports of the Clergy were called for and read.

Parochial Report—Trinity Church, Easton.

JOHN RODNEY, JUN. *Rector.*

The number of Communicants at present, is 28, 8 of whom have been added since the last convention.

12 Baptisms have been performed, 10 children and 2 adults.

Marriages, 2

Deaths, 4

The congregation at Easton, is prosperous. Within the last year, they have completed a fine church at a cost including the ground, of about 5,000 dollars. There is now a flourishing Sunday School attached to it. The school consists of 125 scholars of both sexes, under the instruction of 12 female and 8 male teachers.

St. David's, Radnor.

Baptisms, (adults) 5

Communicants, 16

Burials unknown,

St. John's, Concord.

Baptisms none,

Communicants, 16

Burials, 9

S. C. Brinckle.

In the first of these churches, is a Sunday School containing between 40 and 50 children. S. C. B.

Report of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, (1 adult,) 115

Burials, 122

Communicants, about 425

St. James's Church, Lancaster.

JOSEPH CLARKSON,
WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, } *Rectors.*

Baptisms, (of which 4 were adults,)	21
Marriages,	20
Communicants,	35
Burials,	9

A new and elegant church, erected on the site of the old church, was completed in October last, and consecrated by the Bishop.

A Sunday School House, will soon be finished.

St. John's, Pequa.

JOSEPH CLARKSON,
WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, } *Rectors.*

Baptisms, (7 adults,)	31
Burials,	7
Communicants,	20

Christ Church, Leacock.

JOSEPH CLARKSON, *Rector.*

Baptisms, (12 adults,)	45
Burials,	5
Communicants,	10

Report of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

CHARLES MEREDITH DUPUY, *Rector.*

Baptisms,	5
Communicants,	23
Removed,	7
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	4

A Sunday School is attached to this church, which was formed in August, 1818. It consists of about seventy scholars, forty of their number are Catechumens.

Report to the State Convention in May 1821, from St. John's Church, Norristown.

BIRD WILSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults,)	7	
Children,	11	18
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		11
Communicants,		
Number at last Convention,	54	
Added since,	17	
Died,	2	
Removed from the neighbour-		
hood,	8	
Present Number,		61

The Sunday School of this church, is in a good condition. Fifty pupils are on the roll; and about forty usually attend, who are under the care of nine ladies belonging to the congregation. Attention to it is increasing.

Returns from St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh.

BIRD WILSON, Rector.

Marriages,		1
Communicants,		
At last Report,	5	
Removed,	5	
Added,	4	
Present Number,		8

St. John's Church, N. L.

GEORGE BOYD, Rector.

Communicants,		124
Baptisms,		31
Adults,	4	
Infants,	28	
Marriages,		9

There are two Sunday Schools, attached to this church, one for boys, the other for girls, both of which are in a flourishing condition—about 160 children are regularly receiving the benefits of instruction.

Report of Baptisms, Marriages, &c. of the Congregation of St. Mary's Church, Chester County, Pennsylvania, from May 1820, to May 1821.

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Baptisms, adults,	7
Children,	18
Marriages,	22
Communicants,	84
Funerals, not ascertained.	

Report of St. Gabriel's Church, Berks County.

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Communicants,	126
Marriages,	1
Baptisms,	20
Funerals,	6

Report of Trinity, and All Saint's Church.

GEORGE SHEETS, *Rector.*

Communicants,	55
Baptisms,	11
Marriages,	9
Burials,	26

Report of Bangor Church, Churchtown.

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Communicants,	35
Marriages,	0
Baptisms,	10
Funerals, not ascertained,	

Attached to Bangor Church, is a Sunday School, consisting of about 140 pupils, in a flourishing state.

Report from St. James's Church, the greater Bristol.

J. M. ELROY, *Warden.*

Communicants,	150
Removed,	2
Died,	2
Baptisms,	8
Burials,	23

There are three Sunday Schools attached to this Church, containing between two and three hundred children, in a flourishing state.

Report from the Records of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, for the preceding year.

CHARLES G. SNOWDEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms,	7 Adults, and 34 Children,
Communicants,	18
Deaths,	3 Adults, and 3 Children.
Marriages,	1

Report from the Protestant Episcopal Church in the neighbourhood of Shurleysberg, Huntingdon County, for the preceding year.

CHARLES G. SNOWDEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms,	8
Deaths,	
Communicants,	4
Marriages,	1

Report from the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Water street, Huntingdon County, for the preceding year.

CHARLES G. SNOWDEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms,	2
Deaths,	1

Communicants not known, the Sacrament of the Lord's supper never having been administered.

Marriages,

2

The following is a report of the state of the congregations under my care, and of the vacant congregations within the circle of my acquaintance, as far as I am able to give it.

Report from St. James's Church, Moncy Creek, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

CALEB HOPKINS, Rector.

Communicants, 45 It being, I think three times the number I returned last year.

Baptisms, adults, 11

Do. Infants, 25

Funerals, none.

Marriages, none.

Report from St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

CALEB HOPKINS, Rector.

Communicants, 22

Baptisms, adults, none.

Do. Infants, 7

Marriages, 2

The congregation of Christ Church, Turbet, or Milton being without a pastor, I visited it last autumn and administered the holy supper to (I think) seventeen persons, and baptized several Children.

The congregations of Christ's Church, Derrys, and St. Paul's Church, Fishing Creek, now Bloom, being without Pastors, I supply them on weekdays statedly, for a small compensation by a late engagement.

The congregation of St. Mary's Church, Niscopec, still exists, like a little plant growing amongst thorns and thistles. This I also visit occasionally, but it is too far from me to do it often.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Treasurer.

On counting the votes, John Read, was declared to be unanimously chosen.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of devising a plan for the future admission of churches into the connection of this Convention, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a plan for the admission of congregations into the church of this state, beg leave to recommend to the convention, the adoption of the following canon.

To entitle a congregation to admission into the Protestant Episcopal church of the state of Pennsylvania, it shall hereafter be required, that the congregation requesting to be admitted, shall exhibit to the convention the original, or a certified copy, of their articles of association, or charter of incorporation, as the case may be; and it shall appear therein, that such congregation accedes to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the said church, and of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States. And further, that the said charter or act of association has been duly submitted to the bishop and standing committee, or in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, to the standing committee, and approved, as recommended by existing regulations. And if their approbation be withheld, they shall report to the convention the charter or articles of association, with the reasons of their disapprobation, for its final decision in the case.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Meredith, and adopted.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the

expediency of applying to the civil authority for a Charter of Incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of Pennsylvania—and should they deem it expedient, to prepare a draught of the same and submit it to the Bishop and Standing Committee for their approbation, and to report to the next convention.

Mr. Meredith, Rev. Dr. Beasley, and the Rev. Bird Wilson were appointed on this committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

Upon counting the votes, the following persons were declared to have been duly elected.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

Rev. Fredk. Beasley, D. D.
James Abercrombie,
James Wiltbank,
Jackson Kemper,
George Boyd.

LAY MEMBERS.

William Tilghman,
Richard Dale,
Thomas M'Euen,
John Read,
Henry Hollingsworth.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next meeting of this Convention be held in St. Peter's Church, in the city of Philadelphia.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Sheets, for his sermon delivered at its opening.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to publish the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Church in this state, and to distribute them among the Churches.

The Bishop appointed the following persons:

Rev. Jackson Kemper, John Read, and the Rev. George Boyd.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of Delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Convention.

The following persons were chosen:

CLERGYMEN.

Rev. Fredk. Beasley, D. D.
 Jackson Kemper,
 Bird Wilson.
 George Boyd,

LAYMEN.

Thomas M'Euen,
 William Meredith,
 Walter Kerr.
 Levi Pawling.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to print the Journal of this Convention, and that they be authorized to add the Canons of the last General Convention.

The following persons were appointed by the Bishop.

Rev. Jackson Kemper, Rev. George Boyd, Rev. Mr. Dupuy.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Boyd, and adopted.

Whereas the Rt. Rev. Bishop White in his address to the Convention delivered this day, expresses himself unreservedly upon the subject of those measures which were adopted by the late General Convention, in relation to the subject of theological education, Therefore *Resolved*, That this Convention concur with the Rt. Rev. Bishop White in the sentiments which he has expressed.

Adjourned.

NOTE.—After the adjournment of the Convention, a letter was received from Salmon Bosworth in the name of the congregation at Pike, Bradford county, apologizing in consequence of the distance, for not sending delegates to this Convention.



The Trustees of the Episcopate Fund for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, appointed by a resolution of the Standing Committee of the 7th day of June last, beg leave to report—

That at the time of their appointment, there was standing in the name of the late Trustees of that fund, five thousand, eight hundred and seven dollars and four cents, United States

six per cent. stock; which, in pursuance of the before mentioned resolution, has been transferred to the present Trustees, and now stands in their names on the books of the Treasury of the United States: That since that period, the present Trustees have received the dividends on the said stock to the first instant, and have invested the same together with twenty dollars received from St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties, in the like manner in six per cent. stock. The proceeds of this sum, with former investments, make together six thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and sixty-one cents, which comprises the whole amount of stock belonging at this time to the Episcopate fund.

The Trustees have annexed an account, which shows the dividends on stock received since their appointment, and the manner in which the dividends as they were severally received, have been invested.

JOHN READ.
THOMAS M'EUEEN. } Trustees.
RICHARD DALE. }

April 25, 1821.

Bought by order of John Read, esq. Treasurer of the Bishop Fund.

1820.			
August 2.	\$81 38	6 per cent. 10 m. at	107 per cent. \$87 08
Oct. 18.	81 96	do.	107 3-4 88 31
1821.			
Jan. 12.	82 52	do.	108 1-2 89 54
	<u>245 86</u>		<u>264 93</u>
April 17.	100 71	6 per cent. of 1814, 10 m.	110 110 78
	<u>\$346 57</u>		<u>\$375 71</u>

Transferred to John Read, Thomas M'Euen, and Richard Dale, in trust.
Received payment at the time of the purchase.

Signed,

M'EUEEN, HALE & DAVIDSON.

Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania in account with John Read, Treasurer. Cr.

1820. May 26.	To cash paid Clement R. Bowen his account for attendance on General and State Conventions,	\$20 50	1820. May 3.	By cash, annual contribution from St. Paul's Church, Chester County,	\$5 00
June 8.	To cash paid Elijah Bowen for attendance on State Convention at Christ Church,	1 82	"	By cash, Concord, Delaware,	5 00
10.	To cash paid William Fry for printing 1500 copies of Bishop Moore's Sermon, by order of the State Convention,	56 50	"	Do. St. Martin's, do.	5 00
Aug. 23.	To cash paid S. Potter & Co. their bill for printing done for the General Convention,	297 50	"	Do. St. Luke's, Germantown.	8 75
"	To cash paid for printing done for the State Convention,	46 00	4.	Do. Trinity, Northampton.	5 00
	Balance,	227 74	October. 1821.	Do. St. David's, Radnor.	5 00
	To cash paid for printing done for the State Convention,	227 74	April 25.	Do. of P. F. Glentworth, late Treasurer, do.	428 31
	Balance,	\$650 06		Do. of St. John's Church, Norristown.	180 00
				Balance,	8 00
				April 25, 1821.	\$227 74
				<p>JOHN READ, TREASURER.</p> <p>We the subscribers, have examined the above account, and the vouchers for the items, on the debit and credit side thereof, and find the same to be correct.</p> <p>April 26, 1821.</p> <p>GEORGE BOYD. THOMAS McEVEN.</p>	

CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION IN 1820.

CANON I.

Repealing a part of the forty-fifth Canon passed in 1808.

That part of the forty-fifth Canon which requires the Episcopal addresses inserted on the journal of each state or diocesan convention, to be read in the house of clerical and lay deputies in General Convention, is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Repealing the first Canon, passed in 1817.

The principal object contemplated by the first canon passed in general convention in the year 1817, having been accomplished by the election and consecration of a bishop for the diocese of Ohio, the said canon is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

Concerning Pastoral Letters.

Whereas, there is reason to fear that the pastoral letters issued from time to time by the House of Bishops, and addressed to the members of the Episcopal church, fail of their intended effect for want of sufficient publicity: It is hereby made the duty of every clergyman having a pastoral charge, when any such letter is published, to read the same to his congregation on some occasion of public worship.

CANON IV.

In addition to the seventeenth Canon, passed in 1808.

In the case of a minister of some other denomination of christians applying for holy orders in this church, the standing committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good

morals, and orderly conduct from twelve members of the denomination from which he came; provided the members of the committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church.

CANON V.

Amending the seventeenth Canon passed in 1808.

When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has officiated as a minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this church, the Bishop, to whom application is made, shall require of him (in addition to the qualifications made necessary by the seventeenth Canon,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States, previous to his application.

CANON VI.

Of the consecration of bishops during the recess of the General Convention.

If, during the recess of the general convention, the Church in any state or diocese should be desirous of the consecration of a bishop elect, the standing committee of the church in such state or diocese may, by their president or by some person or persons specially appointed, communicate the desire to the standing committees of the churches in the different states together with copies of the necessary testimonials; and if the major number of the standing committees shall consent to the proposed consecration, the standing committee of the state or diocese concerned shall forward the evidence of such consent, together with other testimonials, to the presiding bishop of the house of bishops, who shall communicate the same to all the bishops in this church in the United States; and if a majority of the bishops should consent to the consecration, the presiding bishop with any two

bishops, may proceed to perform the same; or any three bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.

The evidence of the consent of the different standing committees shall be in the form prescribed for the house of clerical and lay deputies in general convention; and without the aforesaid requisites, no consecration shall take place during the recess of the general convention.—But in case the election of a bishop shall take place within a year before the meeting of the general convention, all matters relative to the consecration shall be deferred until the said meeting:

The fifth canon is hereby repealed.

CANON VII.

To govern in the case of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of the Church.

If any minister of this Church shall declare to the bishop of the diocese to which he belongs, or to any Ecclesiastical authority for the trial of clergymen, or, where there is no bishop, to the standing committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof; it shall be the duty of the bishop, or where there is no bishop, of the standing committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the bishop to admonish, or to suspend him, or to displace him from his grade in the ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three clergymen, that the person, so declaring, has been admonished, or suspended, or displaced from his grade in the ministry in this Church. In any diocese, in which there is no bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the bishop of any other diocese, invited by the standing committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the bishop to give notice thereof to every bishop of this Church, and to the standing committee in every diocese, wherein there is no bishop.

The second canon of 1817 is hereby repealed.

CANON VIII.

Concerning candidates for orders.

In addition to the testimonials produced by a person wishing to become a candidate for holy orders as prescribed by the seventh canon, he must lay before the standing committee a satisfactory diploma, or certificate from the instructors of some approved literary institution, or a certificate from two presbyters appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to examine him, of his possessing such academical learning as may enable him to enter advantageously on a course of theology.

When a person applying to be admitted a candidate, wishes the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical to be dispensed with, the standing committee shall not recommend him as a candidate until he has laid before them a testimonial signed by at least two Presbyters of the church, stating that in their opinion he possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of prudence.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia,
in the year of our Lord, 1820.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE,
Presiding Bishop.

Attested,

WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Attested.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.